

REMARKS

Claims 8-20 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-7 and 30 are still pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 5,647,784 to Moran ("Moran") in view of USP 5,211,593 to Schneider et al. ("Schneider") and USP 6,106,345 to Yeh ("Yeh"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

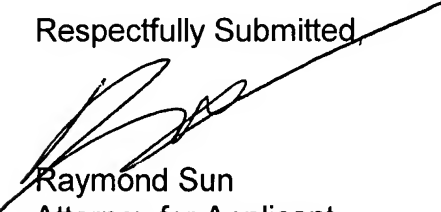
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in granting the undersigned a personal interview on December 6, 2005. During the interview, the undersigned explained that even if Yeh and Schneider can be combined, the resulting structure would not be the same as the structure recited in claims 1 and 30. In particular, Yeh discloses a protection layer 21 that is made of three separated strips that have different colors. See column 2, lines 28-41 of Yeh. Thus, the combination would not yield a clear protection layer. In addition, the undersigned pointed out that Schneider discloses imprinting graphics on the inside surface 46 of an outer sheet 42. See column 3, line 59 to column 4, line 19 of Schneider. Since this outer sheet 42 serves as the outermost layer of Schneider's board, there would be no need or incentive to add or provide an additional protection layer (as might be taught by Yeh). Thus, there would be no reason or incentive to combine the teachings of Yeh and Schneider.

At the interview, the undersigned also pointed out that, since the graphics are imprinted on the inside surface 46 of the outer sheet, Schneider does not teach a discrete graphics layer that is laminated to a separate binding layer.

Thus, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 30 are allowable over the cited combination of Moran, Schneider and Yeh. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and are submitted to be allowable for the same reasons.

In light of the above, allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any proposed amendments or informalities that can be resolved in a phone interview.

Respectfully Submitted,



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